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New Brockton Town Council approves rezoning request

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council gave a go-ahead Monday evening, Oct. 1, when it voted to approve a rezoning request from the planning and zoning commission.

Council member Jeff White said the planning and zoning commission held two required public hearings regarding the rezoning issue and voted to move forward. During Monday evening's town council meeting, he said it was now before the council for a decision.

The rezoning request involves two zoning areas within the town that have been zoned as mixed residential which allows for manufactured homes to be placed on sites. The rezoning request changes the two areas from mixed residential to R-2 which allows only for site-built homes.

White made a motion to change the zoning for the two areas per the request of the planning and zoning commission. He received a second from council member Richard Driskell.

The motion passed with a 4-1 vote. Council member Johnnie Herron cast the lone opposing vote.

According to officials, manufactured homes already in these areas will be "grandfathered" in with the new zoning change.

Council members voted unanimously Monday evening to

approve the Fiscal Year 2008 budget in the amount of \$431,116.

According to council members, Phase III of the demolition project is complete and the contractor has been paid. Council member Herron said the town will now begin looking at a new phase, and anyone knowing of property in need of demolishing should contact the town clerk.

It was also reported that the tree-cutting project has been completed and the contractor paid. The project was considered satisfactory before the contractor was paid.

Looking at an increase in the cost of employee health insurance, council members voted for the town to pay the extra \$14 for employees.

General announcements during the meeting included:

- Town offices will be closed Monday, Oct. 8, in observance of Columbus Day.

- Christmas Parade committee meeting will be Monday, Oct. 15, at 6 p.m.

- Downtown Revitalization meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 6:30 p.m.

- Trick-or-Treat hours for New Brockton will be Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 5-7 p.m.

- The New Brockton Christmas pageants will be Saturday, Nov. 3, at 5 p.m. at New Brockton High School.

Elba Chamber of Commerce plans October events

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Two highly anticipated events sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce highlight festivities during the month of October.

The "Old Haunted Jail" is designed for thrill-seekers while "Pumpkins on the Square" is designed for youngsters and families.

When the doors open Friday, Oct. 26, the "Old Haunted Jail" will enter its third year of scary creatures and spooky tales. Event organizers already are working to make this year's haunting one of the best yet.

The "Old Haunted Jail" will be open five nights this year. The dates include: Friday, Oct. 26; Saturday, Oct. 27; Monday, Oct. 29; Tuesday, Oct. 30; and Wednesday, Oct. 31. Tours will begin each night at 7 p.m.

According to Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, "Pumpkins on the Square" has become one of the biggest and most anticipated events of the year for the chamber.

"We seem to always get a good response from all over the county for Pumpkins on the Square," said Whitworth.

The event, this year, will be held Tuesday, Oct. 30, from

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News Brief

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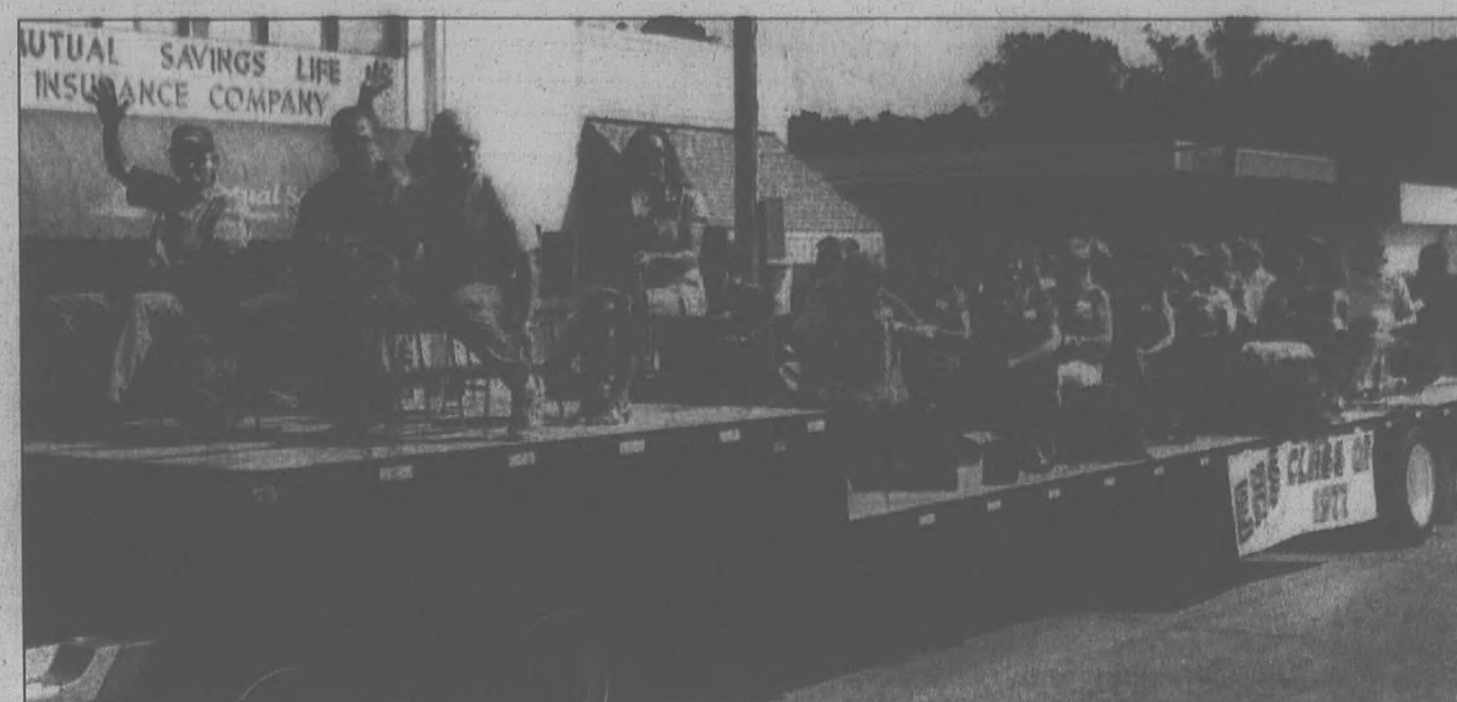
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NEW DORSEY TRAILER APPEARS IN HOMECOMING PARADE. Elba High School celebrated "Homecoming 2007" last Friday, Sept. 28, with several activities including the Coronation, an afternoon tea for the honored class, the annual Homecoming parade and, of course, the Homecoming football game. While many classes celebrated reunions last weekend, the "honored class" was the Elba High School Class of 1977. During the Homecoming Parade, the Class of 1977 got a special treat as they were hauled around town in reportedly the first flat-bed trailer to be completed by the "new" Dorsey Trailers. Above, the Class of 1977 is shown enjoying their ride through downtown Elba on the new trailer during the parade. Additional scenes from the Homecoming parade can be found on pages 8 and 9 of today's paper.

Elba City Schools receive award from DAR organization

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba City Schools recently received an award from the

Forming committee to explore possibility Terry Spicer looks at possible bid for U.S. House of Representatives seat

State Rep. Terry Spicer (D-Elba) announced last week he is forming a committee to explore

DAR organization recognizing the school system for its success in several different areas of education.

"We are exploring the opportunity to represent the 2nd District of Alabama in Washington," Spicer said. "In the past two days, I have received a tremendous amount of encouragement from throughout the District to consider seeking the office."

Ultimately, the decision will be based on what is best for my family."

Spicer, who has held his seat in the state House since 1998, serves as policy director for the House Democratic caucus, is vice chairman of the House Education policy committee, and serves on the Education, Finance and Taxation committee and the Legislative Council. He resides in Elba with his wife, Ceina, and two sons, Hayes and J. Cole.

Others locally who have openly expressed an interest in the race include District Attorney Gary McAliley.

DAR member Nell Gilmer said the award was presented to the school for meeting AYP goals two years in a row, having a 100 percent passing rate on the Alabama High School Graduation Exam for two years in a row and improvement of the student drop-out rate (up 16 points).

The award was presented to Superintendent Danny Weeks, and he said it certainly is an honor for the school system.

"Our younger people need to be aware of the rich history in this area," Weeks said. "It is an honor to be recognized from such a distinguished group."

Weeks attended a luncheon held by DAR and said he was impressed by the ceremony. The luncheon was held during Constitution Week, and Gilmer

said the group tries to do something during the week each year.

The award presented to Elba City Schools was a community service and education award.

Weeks said the teachers at both the elementary and high school made it possible for the schools to receive such an award. Without the hard work and dedication of the teachers, he said this never would have been possible.

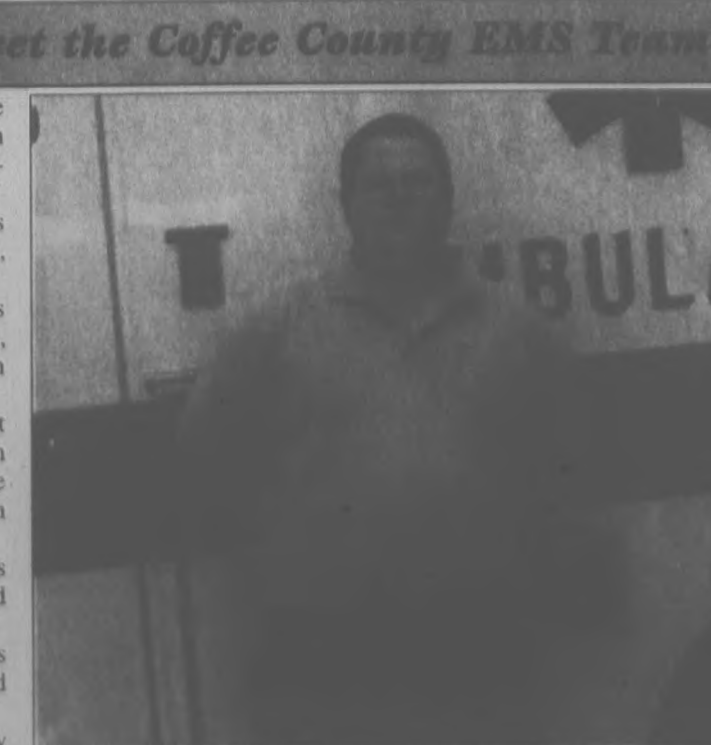
Weeks said it takes teamwork to be successful with these programs. He said the faculty at Elba City Schools is very dedicated, and the results are showing.

More specifically, Weeks commended the work of Janna

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Elba City Schools Superintendent Danny Weeks accepts the community service and education award from DAR member Nell Gilmer. Weeks said it was an honor for the school system to be honored by such a distinguished group.



Paramedic Robbie Odom

Area Happenings

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM will be playing the Elba Tigers today, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. at the Elba High School. The Elba Tigers will be playing the Elba Tigers today, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. at the Elba High School.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

U.S. Senator Richard Shelby has again introduced legislation for a constitutional amendment that would require the U.S. Congress to have a balanced budget. Senator Shelby has introduced similar legislation in every congress since 1981, only to see it fail by the way-side. Our senior senator seems to think the \$405.9 billion PER YEAR America is presently spending as interest on the national debt is a bit too much. Now we don't really understand money in those terms (billions), but somehow think he is correct! As Shelby is fond of noting, look how much good those extra billions could do if not obligated to paying interest! But alas, don't look for his amendment to pass any time soon.

When the U.S. Treasury was originally established, it was a laughing stock to many distractors . . . the country was broke - zero assets to work with, etc. Looking back one can easily see that was the finest moment for this country . . . debt free!

A couple of the members of one of the groups celebrating their Elba High School reunion last weekend (the 1977 class) confessed Saturday night to thinking of you truly as an "old man" back when they were in high school and we were snapping pictures around the school and football field. It gave great satisfaction to point out they are now older than that "old man" was in the mid 70's! All these 30 years later, they now fully understand that age is relative.

Congressman Terry Everett surprised us and lots of others with his announcement last week that he will not seek re-election next year. Lots of folks got stary eyed at the idea of being the one to replace him. . . until reality set in. This is a large, diverse district to run in, Washington D.C. is a whole different world to live and work in, and in addition it will cost a bunch of money to run such a race and do it again and again every two years.

One of the daily papers commented that none of the names which had popped up on their radar was well known throughout the district. That is true, but neither was Everett when he made his first run some 15 or 16 years ago, nor Bill Dickinson who first won in 1984. Everett went to Washington on his very first venture into politics. Nor do we see this district a "given" to the Republican Party. A good run by a Democrat could result in again putting this congressional district back in the Democrat column where it sat for generations before Congressmen Bill and Terry stepped up to the plate and held forth as Republicans, but mainly as loyal Alabamians.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, September 24, 2007, investigated the following incidents: one overdose, two for domestic violence, two dog bites, three for forgery, one burglary, one accidental discharge of a gun and one for harassing communications.

The following arrests were made: one for possession of a forged instrument.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for no signals, one for a revoked driver's license, one for no insurance and one for running a red light.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, SEPT. 24 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 710 Kennedy Estates (2:10 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2579 Hwy. 84 W. (12:02 p.m.); Possible domestic disturbance reported at 1225 Farris Ave. (6:50 p.m.).

TUESDAY, SEPT. 25 - Wreck reported at 1252 Neil Grantham Dr. (10:52 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2796 Hickman Ave. (4:29 p.m.); Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported at 1563 Seminole Circle (9:10 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1210 Whitman St. (9:28 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 930 Carver Dr. (11:58 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1032 Powell Circle (7:20 p.m.).

THURSDAY, SEPT. 27 - Domestic disturbance reported at 1595 Powell Circle (1:15 a.m.); Report of a gun discharged at Big/Little (12:17 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 345 County Rd. 105 (9:04 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to standby at a structure fire at Rebel Station on Hwy. 87 N. (9:29 p.m.).

FRIDAY, SEPT. 28 -

Domestic disturbance reported at 626 Mullins Circle (3:53 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2318 Taylor Mill Rd. (10:11 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Kountry Komer at Hwy. 167 and Hwy. 125 (3:21 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 336 Simmons St. (3:28 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a vehicle fire at the Shell station (4:13 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at Mulberry Park (11:28 p.m.).

SATURDAY, SEPT. 29 - Report of a gun discharged in the area of Mulberry Heights (3:34 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2880 County Rd. 105 (9:24 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 345 County Rd. 105 (11:36 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 115 County Rd. 367 (5:14 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 349 (7:02 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported near Jones and Jackson streets (9:54 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported in the MarketPlace parking lot (9:54 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported in the MarketPlace parking lot (10:47 p.m.).

SUNDAY, SEPT. 30 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 677 County Rd. 205 (3:06 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 3940 County Rd. 415 (7:41 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2156 County Rd. 228 (1:06 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1988 County Rd. 223 (5:15 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 26144 Hwy. 87 N. (5:18 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1988 County Rd. 223 (5:25 p.m.); Shooting reported at 1855 Hickman Ave. (5:28 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 26144 Hwy. 87 N. (7:21 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at Jackson St. (8:45 p.m.).

Influenza immunization clinics scheduled throughout state

Influenza immunization clinics are scheduled throughout the state beginning in October through the end of the influenza season.

County health departments and other health care providers in Alabama expect to have plenty of influenza vaccine for the 2007-2008 season. Annual influenza immunization is recommended for most people, beginning for children at age 6 months to protect against outbreaks which generally occur from November to March in

Alabama.

"We anticipate having a sufficient supply of vaccine this season, and we encourage you to contact your physician or local health department to be immunized," Dr. Donald Williamson, state health officer, said. "On average, 200,000 people are hospitalized and approximately 36,000 people die each year in the United States from complications associated with influenza."

Typical symptoms of the flu include fever and respiratory

symptoms such as cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, headache, muscle aches, and often extreme fatigue. The public is also reminded to follow basic infection control measures to help prevent the spread of the flu. These include covering the mouth and nose with a tissue or cloth when coughing and sneezing, staying at home when sick, and washing hands frequently.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are some people who should not be vaccinated with-

out first consulting a physician. These include:

• People who have a severe allergy to chicken eggs.

• People who have had a severe reaction to an influenza vaccination in the past.

• People who developed Guillain-Barre syndrome (GBS) within six weeks of getting an influenza vaccine previously.

• Children less than 6 months of age.

People who have a moderate or severe illness with a fever. These persons should wait to get vaccinated until their symptoms lessen.

Contact your private physician or your local county health department for a flu clinic schedule.

A county health department influenza clinic schedule also can be accessed on the Alabama Department of Public Health Web site at www.adph.org/immunization or by calling the Immunization Division at (334) 206-5023 or toll free at 800-469-4599.

Have a
Safe & Happy
Columbus Day!

LEGAL NOTICE

I, Kathy G. Davis, have made application of the City of Elba for 040 Retail Beer License on or off premises consumption at this location, 804 W. Davis St., Elba, Alabama. A public hearing will be held by the City Council in their regular meeting in the Council Chamber in City Hall at 5:30 p.m., Monday, October 22, 2007.

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Obituaries

CW3 DAVID MICHAEL STANLEY

CW3 David Michael Stanley, age 33, of Clarksville, Tenn., died Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007, as a result of a helicopter crash near Skyline, Ala.

Funeral services were held Sept. 29, 2007 from the Patterson-Sorrells Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in the Arlington National Cemetery. Flowers were accepted or donations for his children may be made to the David Stanley Memorial Fund, US Bank, c/o Laurie Dove, 1816 Madison St., Clarksville, TN 37043 (or made directly at any US Bank).

Survivors include his wife: Kristy Stanley, Clarksville; two sons: Jonathan Tyler Grant and Kristian McGwire Stanley, both of Clarksville; his parents: Joel and Beverly Stanley, paternal grandparents: Nolan and Allie Stanley, maternal grandmother: Audrey Kelley, maternal great-grandmother: Lavana Limberick, two sisters: Delicia Stanley and Katelynn Stanley, all of Niceville, Fla.; his father-in-law and mother-in-law: Anthony and Janet Grant, Goshen, Ala.

To sign a guest register, visit www.sorrellsfuneralhomes.com

GRADY LEE SILAS
Mr. Grady Lee Silas, age 89, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007, at the Elba Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Oct. 2, 2007 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Tony Dye officiating. Burial followed in the Pine Level Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include four daughters: Karen Miller and Jodi Anderson, both of Jasper, Ga.; Terri Anderson, Ellijay, Ga.; Robin Anderson, Greenville, S.C.; three step-daughters: Reba Mixon, Silver Springs, Fla.; Jean Luska, Palm Beach, Fla.; Peggy White, Cypress Inn, Tenn.; two step-

sons: Charles Parks, Port St. Lucie, Fla., David Parks, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; two brothers-in-law: Ralph McArthur, South Carolina; Marshall Cornelius, Alabama; five grandsons; four granddaughters and four great-grandchildren.

DORIS GODWIN SIMMONS
Mrs. Doris Godwin Simmons, age 82, of Arton, Ala., died Sunday, Sept. 30, 2007, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, at Old Tabernacle United Methodist Church with Reverend Lee Jones and Chris Lassiter officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with Sorrells Funeral Home of Enterprise directing. Flowers will be accepted or contributions may be made to Old Tabernacle United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Simmons was born Oct. 10, 1924 in New Brockton, Ala., to the late Walter Monroe and Susan Tommy Averett Godwin. She was retired from the U.S. Postal Service.

Her husband, Thomas Terah Simmons, two brothers, James Godwin and Edol Godwin, and four sisters, Flossie Clark, Ruby Rainey, Mary Johnson and Wilma Ramsey all preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sons: Eddie Simmons and his special friend Helen Creech and Frank

(wife Sharon) Simmons, all of Arton; one brother: Cecil Godwin, New Brockton; one sister: Wynell Lassiter, Elba, Ala.; three grandchildren: Michael Simmons and special friend Kelli Strickland, Michelle (husband Terry) Patman, Amanda (husband Lee) McCurley; one great-grandchild: Dalton Patman.

To sign a guest register, visit www.sorrellsfuneralhomes.com

RAY MADDOX HUSSEY
Mr. Ray Maddox Hussey, age 74, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Oct. 1, 2007, in New Brockton, Ala.

Funeral services will be held at Haw Hill Assembly of God on Thursday, Oct. 4, at 11 a.m. with Rev. Shirley Ellis officiating. Burial will follow in the Victoria Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing. Visitation will be at Haw Hill Assembly of God on Thursday from 9:30-11 a.m.

Mr. Maddox was preceded in death by his wife, Inez Mobley Hussey; parents, Eva Mae Hussey and Bibb O. Hussey and Etta Mae Maddox and Arthur Weldon "Coot" Maddox; three brothers, James M. Maddox, Arthur Hayes Maddox, and Francis Enoch Maddox. Survivors include two sons: Wayne M. Hussey, Elba, Jaycee Hussey, Mobile, Ala.; three sisters: Vera Kate Crozier, Hoopesville, Ill.; Maylene

Stamm, Mohrsville, Pa.; Shirley White, New Brockton; and several other grandchildren.

ALENEDER CAMPBELL
Ms. Aleneder Campbell, age 96, died Thursday, Sept. 27, 2007.

Funeral services were held Oct. 1, 2007 at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Elba with Rev. Daryl Caldwell officiating.

Survivors include three nieces: Gloria Lawrence, Lynn Haven, Fla.; Daniella Perry, San Leandro, Calif.; Maixie Lee Green (George Green Sr.), Lynn Haven; two great nephews: George Green Jr., Lynn Haven, Vincent Green (Val), Marietta, Ga.; and one great-grand niece: Alisha Green, Marietta.

MERLE B. PURVIS
Mrs. Merle B. Purvis, age 88, of Enterprise, Ala., died Monday, Oct. 1, 2007.

Graveside services were held Oct. 3, 2007 at Bethany Baptist

Church cemetery with Rev. Ralph Jones officiating. Burial followed with Searcy Funeral Home directing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Purvis; her parents; and a granddaughter-in-law, Bonnie Willis.

Survivors include two daughters: Peggy Willis, Headland, Ala.; Phyllis Addison, Enterprise; one brother-in-law, Wallace Purvis, Elba; grandchildren: Neil Willis, Dothan, Ala.; Joel (Cheryl) Willis, Headland, Richard (Cindy) Willis, Dothan, Rev. David (Phyllis) Willis, Newton, Ala.; Tracy (Max) Whittaker, New Brockton, Amy (Steve) Lako, Macon, Ga.; great-grandchildren: Hilary Willis, Dothan, Ben Willis and Jessica (Rickie) Betsill, Headland, Rickie Willis, Atlanta, Ga.; Christopher Lee, Birmingham, Ala.; Sam Willis, Newton, Sawyer, Grady and Scott Whittaker, New Brockton, Emma and Anna Lako, Macon.

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THE WEB JOURNEY

His name was Joseph Jackson. At three o'clock on the afternoon of September 28, 1920, he appeared before a Chicago Grand Jury, which was investigating corruption in baseball. Outside the courtroom, the most people knew the witness as "Shoeless" Joe Jackson, one of the greatest baseball players of all time.

"Shoeless" Joe was one of the eight players later tried for fixing the Series. Although a jury acquitted them all, there is evidence that suggests that the players allowed Cincinnati Reds manager Ben Chapman to fix the Series. Why would they do such a thing?

Most evidence points to the players' frustration with Charles Comiskey, then owner of the White Sox. A notorious tightwad, he paid his players considerably less than other owners. Among the better-known examples was "Shoeless" Joe's \$6,000 annual salary, while less talented players on other teams were routinely paid \$10,000. In addition, Comiskey benched star pitcher Eddie Cicotte near the end of the 1917 season to avoid paying him a \$10,000 bonus in the event that he won thirty games. Under baseball's reserve clause

a player was bound to his team for his entire career, so he was forced to accept whatever the owner offered.

Even before the Series started, rumors of a fix had begun circulating. They became so widespread that a week after Cincinnati won the Series, Comiskey offered \$20,000 to anyone who provided evidence of wrongdoing. While no evidence was forthcoming, the rumors became so persistent that in September 1920 a Grand Jury was convened to investigate baseball corruption.

The day before "Shoeless" Joe testified, newspapers across the country ran stories stating that the Chicago White Sox players had thrown the previous year's World Series. Owners realized their league had lost its integrity, and was in danger of losing fan support. Recognizing they needed to take radical action, the owners convened a Kenesaw Mountain Landis, a non-union member of the Illinois Supreme Court, to become the commissioner of baseball.

Even though a jury acquitted the eight players, the commissioner suspended them for life the following day. Ever since, people have referred to the 1919 Chicago White Sox as the Black Sox.

To read the whole story, and all of "Shoeless" Joe's confession, take The Web Journey.

THE BLACK SOX

This online exhibition, prepared by the Chicago Historical Society, tells the story of the 1919 World Series scandal. It also includes a history of the team, a biography of Joe Jackson, and a small number of White Sox photographs from the early 1900's.

Professor Douglas Under of the University of Missouri at Kansas City developed this resource. It provides an overview of the scandal, a timeline of events, information about the eight players, copies of the indictments, and trial testimony.

THE 1919 BLACK SOX

Harvey Frommer teaches oral history at Dartmouth College. In addition to numerous scholarly publications, he has written thirty-four books on sports. His article examines the scandal and its repercussions, posing questions not found in other resources.

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LIFESTYLES

Lee Reunion planned for Sunday, October 14th

The Lee Reunion will be held October 14, 2007 and the Elba Masonic Lodge. All family and friends are invited to come and enjoy reunion time again.

The Ino Senior Center to hold Open House October 5th

The Ino Senior Center will observe Open House this Friday, October 5, from 10:30 - 12:00 noon. For more information contact Betty Ward at 565-9196 Betty Ward

The Republican Women of Coffee County to meet October 17th

The Republican Women of Coffee County will hold their monthly meeting/luncheon on, October 17th, 11AM to 1PM Social/Lunch/Program at Po-Folks in Enterprise. Chuck Spurlock, the Alabama Director for Senator Jeff Sessions, will address the group about Sen. Sessions position on illegal immigration and his bid for reelection. Everyone is welcome. Call Jan White for reservations and info, 348-2451.

Fall Book Sale to be held at Enterprise Public Library

The Friends of the Enterprise Public Library is holding its fall book sale on Friday, October 12, 2007 from 9 A.M. to 5:00 PM at the library.

Members of the Friends of the Enterprise Library association are also invited to a "Friends Only Pre-Sale Night" that will be held on Thursday, October 11 from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the library. New memberships will be accepted at the sale.

Popular fiction, nonfiction, children and young adult books, as well as DVDs, CDs, videos, audiocassettes and many other items will be on sale. Donations prior to the sale are welcome. The Friends cannot accept textbooks, incomplete encyclopedia sets, or Readers' Digest Condensed Books.



Mr. Danley & Miss Brown

Miss Brown and Mr. Danley announce wedding plans

Mr. and Mrs. Tom and Kathryn Brown of Jacksonville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Nicole, to Jason Danley, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark and Virginia Danley of Victoria. The wedding will take place in April.

EOCC's admissions standards remain unchanged

The 2007 Fall semester at Enterprise-Ortiz Community College is well underway with registration still open for the second mini-term, which begins October 11.

As they have for many years, the admissions standards to the College remain unchanged. To be eligible, a student must hold a high school diploma or a GED certificate. Students holding Alabama High School Diplomas from a non-public high school must also have achieved a minimum ACT or SAT score of "16" for eligibility.

"Historically the two-year college system has had an open door policy for all Alabamians to have an opportunity for a quality education, and we continue that at EOCC by delivering service to graduating high school seniors or adults returning to upgrade their workforce skills," says Terri Parker, EOCC recruiter.

"At EOCC we continue to provide quality educational opportunities," adds Parker. Also, Parker states that there are no fees to apply for admission to the College. For more information, contact Terri Parker at the Enterprise Campus at 334-347-2623, ext. 2339, or go online at www.eoocc.edu or <http://www.eoocc.edu>.

Deadline For Social News Is Monday!



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Miss Newman and Mr. Gibes to be united in marriage November 3rd at Damascus Baptist Church

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Lunsford of New Brockton and Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Newman of Elba announce the engagement of their daughter, Erica Dawn Newman, to Ronald Carl Gibes II, son of Ms. Nancy Howard and Mr. Ronald Gibes of Enterprise.

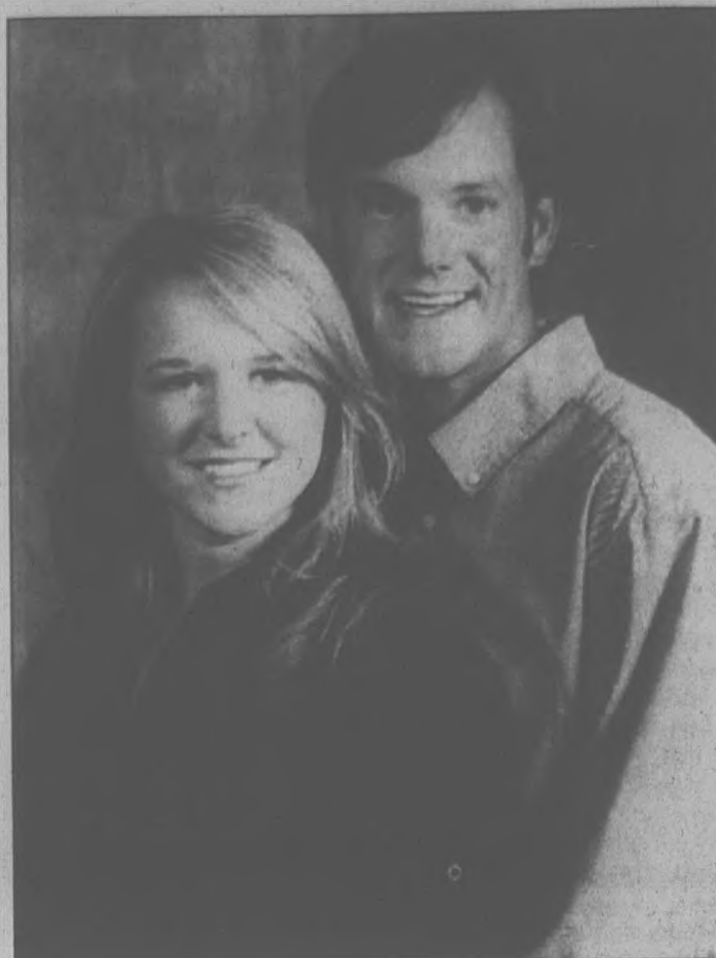
The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Danford of New Brockton, Ms. June Newman and the late Wyndol Newman of Elba, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Lunsford of Enterprise. She is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Blondell Danford of New Brockton.

Erica is a 1999 graduate of New Brockton High School, a 2003 graduate of Troy State University, and a 2007 graduate of Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy, where she received a Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Anderson and Mr. Carl Gibes and the late Hilda Gibes of Enterprise.

Ronnie is a 2000 graduate of Enterprise High School and attended Southern Union Community College and Auburn University where he majored in Human Resource Management.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, November 3, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. at Damascus Baptist Church. A reception will follow at Aviators' Landing in Ft. Rucker. Family and friends are invited to attend.



Miss Newman and Mr. Gibes

The Heaven's Saints to host free motorcycle rides at fall festival in Enterprise

The Heaven's Saints Motorcycle Ministry will host a free motorcycle ride and treats for children on Saturday, October 27th from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. as part of Morgan Square Mall's Annual Fall Festival Trick-or-Treat in Enterprise.

There will be a motorcycle show and contest for the best

costumed motorcycles and riders. Prizes will be awarded for the best ones.

This event is free to the public, but children must be dressed in costume in order to get a free ride and treats. Photos will be available.

For more information contact Ulli Steiner at (334) 393-5565.

Trick-or-Treat Fall Festival to be held in Enterprise

Morgan Square Mall in Enterprise will host its annual Trick-or-Treat Fall Festival on Saturday, October 27 from 1-4 p.m. Prizes, Treats, and Photos will be available. For more information call 393-5553.

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Newbia Baptist Church to observe homecoming on Sunday Oct. 7th

Newbia Baptist Church, located on Coffee County Road 330, will hold Homecoming services Sunday, Oct. 7.

The morning services will begin with Sunday School at 10 a.m. Morning worship will be at 11 a.m. with Rev. Wayne Webber, pastor, delivering the message. Lunch will follow in the church fellowship hall.

An afternoon singing will feature the Harrellson Family. Everyone is invited to attend.

First Baptist Church of Elba to celebrate 125th Anniversary on Sunday, October 7th

First Baptist Church of Elba will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary on Sunday, October 7, 2007, during the ten o'clock worship service. Dr. Doug Dortch, who served as pastor from 1987 - 1990, will be delivering the morning's message. Kevin Lanier, Minister of Music, from 1981 - 1984, will be leading us in worship. Dr. Judson Vaughan and Dr. Frank Wells, former pastors, will also be contributing to the worship service.

Everyone is invited to worship with us on this special anniversary and join us in a celebration luncheon following the service.

New Brockton United Methodist Church to celebrate 100th anniversary this Sunday, October 7th

New Brockton First United Methodist Church will celebrate the 100th year anniversary of the church Sunday, Oct. 7, during Homecoming services. Worship services will begin at 10 a.m.

According to church history records, it was 1906 when a group of people saw the need for a Methodist church in New Brockton, and in 1907, Methodist Episcopal Church South members build a large white wooden church on land at the corner of Dawkins and King streets donated by New Brockton's founding father, Hugh E. Brock.

In 1926, a new brick church was built on the same site. In Nov. 1986, approximately 60 years after the second church was built, a tornado destroyed the church building.

On the first Sunday after the tornado, arrangements were made to have Sunday School and worship services in the parsonage. Later, the members of the New Brockton Masonic Lodge reportedly offered their building for the church members to hold services while a new church was being built.

Church members were able to again meet at the church in November 1987. On Nov. 1, the new fellowship hall was completed while the new church

The Kirklands to be in concert at Jack Assembly

Jack Assembly of God will hold a gospel singing on October 6, 2007 at 7 p.m. Featured will be The Kirklands

from Georgia.

Everyone is invited to come and worship. For more information call 334-897-6762.

Maple Avenue Baptist Church, 1009 West Maple Avenue, Geneva, Ala. will hold their 75th Anniversary celebration on Sunday, October 7, 2007. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. David Causey delivering the message

and Rev. Terry Shannon leading the music. A covered dish lunch will follow the service. At 2 p.m. the Anniversary program will be held in the sanctuary of the church. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Round & About With Elba 897-2006

SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:9-17

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Jeff Horstead, October 1, Rico Hill, October 2, Lynsey Fayth Manning, October 2, J. L. and Estella Williams, October 3 (Wedding Anniversary), Minister Robert Edwards, Sr., October 6, Effie Johnson, October 9, Juanita Robinson, October 9, Samella Terrell Edwards, October 3, Edward Blue, October 6

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Elba Church of God to have barbecue Saturday, October 6th

The Elba Church of God will be selling barbecue plates this Saturday, October 6, Serving will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Proceeds will go to the church's food bank and benevolence fund. For more information call 897-2989.

Love's Way Church to hold revival services October 7-10

Love's Way Church has scheduled a Revival for October 7-10, 2007 with Andy Bryan ministering each night.

Sunday service will begin at 5pm. Monday through Wednesday nights services will begin at 7pm. Tuesday night service has been designated as Youth Night. All youth may come at 6pm for pizza before the service begins.

Since being saved at the age of 16, Andy has served the Lord

through singing and preaching. Andy's main objective is to edify the church, encourage the people who are hurting and help meet their needs through the Word, and reach the lost with the Gospel.

Love's Way Church is located 3 miles West of Enterprise on Highway 134 (Damascus Road), beside Covington Electric. For more information, you may call (334) 393-6731.

Whitewater Baptist Church to celebrate homecoming on Sunday, October 14th

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SCHOOLS

Teacher Spotlight

by Maile Thomas

This week's Teacher Spotlight is **Sasha O'Neal**.

Mrs. O'Neal is married to Brady O'Neal, and has one daughter, Adalyn, who is 17-month-old. She is currently an Elba Elementary teacher for the first grade.

Mrs. O'Neal attended Troy University, receiving her Bachelor's degree in K-6 elementary education. She is also pursuing a M.S. degree as a reading specialist from Troy University.

Mrs. O'Neal has been a teacher for five years. She taught kindergarten for four years at Highlands Elementary in Dothan, Ala.

She enjoys spending time with family and friends and reading a good book.

Spirit stick returns to Elba High School

by Meagan Anderson

Once again this year, the EHS Varsity Cheerleaders are sponsoring the spirit stick competition.

At each pep rally, the spirit stick is awarded to the grade that has the most spirit throughout the day. The spirit stick helps symbolize the pride here at EHS.

So far, the spirit stick has been awarded to the 7th, 8th and 10th grades. At the end of football season, the grade that has had the spirit stick the most will receive a pizza party.

Elba Elementary School Menu

October 8-12, 2007

BREAKFAST	
Monday	- Columbus Day Holiday
Tuesday	- Fall Break
Wednesday	- Cinnamon Bun, Sliced Cheese, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday	- Biscuit/Jelly, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday	- Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
LUNCH	
Monday	- Columbus Day Holiday
Tuesday	- Fall Break
Wednesday	- Chicken Sandwich, New Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Sliced Peaches, Milk
Thursday	- Nachos, Corn on Cob, Black-eyed Peas, Fruit Cup, Milk
Friday	- Hoagie, Oven Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Choco-Lean-a-Cake, Milk

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Tiger Tales

Editors:
**Erica Daniels &
Kelly Corder**



"See You at the Pole" rally held

by Kelly Corder

"See You At The Pole" is an opportunity to come together as Christian students, and call out to God.

On Wednesday, Sept. 26, the students of Elba High School met at the flagpole in front of the school to pray and sing. The ceremony started at 7 a.m., and the students were furnished with

refreshments and listened to Christian music.

At 7:15, Christian adults presented the 2007 program. Praying began at 7:30.

Many students came to speak to God, sing, and worship him. "See You At The Pole" brought together different groups and grade levels to worship Christ.

This year's program was a success.

Announcements:

- Elba vs. Pike County (Home) October 5
- Elba vs. New Brockton (Away) October 8 (J.V.)
- Elba vs. Samson (Home) October 9 (Volleyball)
- Club Pictures at EHS October 11
- School Day Pictures at EHS October 12
- SCA T-Shirts are now on sale (\$10.00)
- Grad Ad's are now on sale!

Prices are as follows: \$50.00 1/8 page black and white, \$55.00 color; \$90.00 1/4 page black and white, \$100.00 color; \$110.00 1/2 page black and white, \$125.00 color; \$160.00 full page black and white, \$180.00 color.

• Long Sleeve T-Shirts (\$12) and Sweatshirts (\$20) are now on sale!

The shirts will be black with a gold and white design (see picture below).



Junior Varsity Tigers defeat Zion Chapel Rebels

by Kiera Roberson

On Monday, Sept. 17, the Elba Junior Varsity Tigers defeated the Zion Chapel Rebels on Mack Wood Field at Tiger Stadium.

The Tigers started off shaky, with too many penalties. Quarterback Gunner McCollough (#14) threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to freshman Kendrick Robertson (#24). Antwon Griffin (#3) scored a touchdown on the opening kick off, but the touchdown got called back because a penalty was called on (#63) Jeremy Duncan. (#20) Deavante Maryland had an interception



THE JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS cheered for the Tigers last Friday, Sept. 28, during the annual Homecoming parade. and ran a 15-yard touchdown. He also ran a 20-yard touchdown.

The JV Tigers once again came out on top.

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- Third - Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Fourth - Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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Ambulance fire extinguished prior to Elba vs. Slocomb game

by Karen Huckaba

On Friday, Sept. 21, at the Elba High School football stadium, immediately before kickoff, the fireworks were off the field not on as an ambulance caught on fire.

It appeared to be coming from the engine of the emergency vehicle. Luckily, no one was hurt, though the smoke alone scared many people.

Maisie Thomas, a varsity cheerleader at Elba High stated, "I was walking to the field when the smoke caught my eye, and I was thinking what in the world could have happened? I asked the officers what had happened, and they told me it started with the engine."

The Elba Fire and Rescue was able to put the engine fire out before it reached the cab. Although there are many rumors about how the fire started, everyone is thankful no one was hurt and the fire department acted quickly.

After the fire was fully extinguished and the ambulance was removed, a new ambulance arrived. The game continued without problems as the Tigers went on to yet another victory.

JOURNALISM Spotlight

by Karen Huckaba

This week's journalism spotlight is **Ashton Rodriguez**.

Ashton is the 17-year-old son of Kerry Rodriguez. His favorite things about journalism include constantly staying busy and learning to get along with different people.

Some of Ashton's hobbies are going to the movies, traveling with his cousins, reading and swimming. When asked how he would describe himself he stated, "At times easy going, and I try to be nice to everyone I meet."

Ashton's plans after graduation are to attend Huntingdon College and to pursue a career in history.



A Coffee County EMS ambulance caught fire prior to the Elba vs. Slocomb football game held Friday, Sept. 21, in Elba.

In volleyball action Elba Lady Tigers win against Luverne

by Chessie Cross

The Lady Tigers lost a tough one to their rivals from Providence.

During the first game they lost 13-25, but then defeated Providence in the second game 25-22. Going on to lose the next two games 21-25 and 15-24.

Clearly a tough day, even the J.V. struggled on the court. They lost their two games 15-25 and 24-26.

They won with ease while playing the Luverne Lady

Tigers. During the first two games they won 25-21.

At the end of the third game they came out on top with a score of 25-18. Just as the varsity came out with a win, the Junior Varsity did, too. Winning their two games with scores of 25-6 and 19-12.

The Elba Lady Tigers did great on their first game against Straughn, coming out with a win. The first game ended with a score of 25-12, and then topping it all off with the final game ending 26-24.



Coffee County Youth Leadership students from Elba High CCYLP holds welcome party for students

by Megan Sullivan

On Monday, Sept. 24, the new members of CCYLP (Coffee County Youth Leadership Program) were invited to a Welcome Party.

The party was at the Coffee County Board of Education building in Elba. Each student was recognized by Susan Steck and given a shirt by Stanley Walker.

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SCHOOLS

Focus on Faculty

(11th Grade Sponsors)

by Candice Allen

Name: Andrea Maness
When is your birthday? July 11
How long have you been teaching? 4 years
What are your hobbies? Reading
What clubs/organizations are you involved in? Prom sponsor, Chi Omega Advisor at Troy University, Cheer sponsor
Do you have any children? No
Auburn or Alabama? Auburn
What college(s) did you attend? Troy University

Name: Tonita Bentley
When is your birthday? August 23rd
How long have you been teaching? 20 years
What do you think about Zion Chapel? Me gusta ZC mucho! (a lot)
What is your favorite thing about teaching? I love it when we go over something for the first time and everyone says, "That's easy!"

What are your hobbies? Shopping, watching my children compete in sports activities.
What clubs/organizations are you involved in? Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Delta Kappa, Altirusa, Alabama Associate of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.
What is your most embarrassing moment? Getting caught on video singing "Eres tu."

Do you have any children? If so, how many? Yes, two, Andrew is 15 and a Sophomore at CHHS, Ashlyn is 11 and in 6th grade at ZCS.
What college(s) did you attend? The University of North Alabama in Florence, AL.
Auburn or Alabama? Auburn-although I'll be more Trojan games!

Anything else interesting or unique that you'd like to share? I'm practicing on expanding my cooking and baking skills.

Name: Hannah Whitt
When is your birthday? January 15, 1979
How long have you been teaching? This is my fourth year.
What do you think about Zion Chapel? It is very different than when I was in school here.

What is your favorite thing about teaching? The kids.
What are your hobbies? Reading, baking, spending time with family and friends.
What clubs/organizations are you involved in? None.
What is your biggest achievement? Earning my Bachelor's degree.
What is your most embarrassing moment? Too many to count!
Do you have any children? None.

What college(s) did you attend? Auburn University at Montgomery and University of West Alabama.
Auburn or Alabama? Roll Tide!!!

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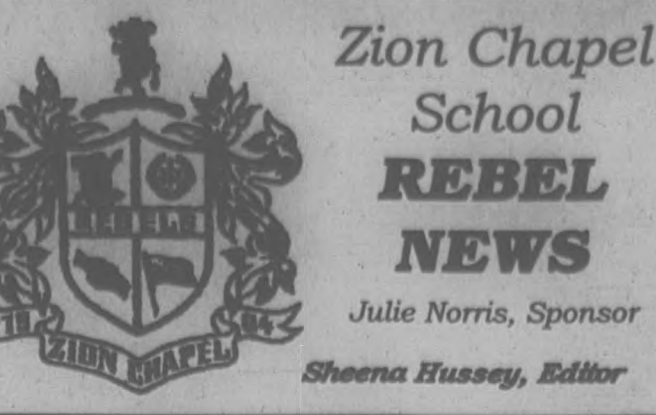
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FFA club preparing for successful year

by Kayla Crook

The Future Farmers of America (FFA) is officially off to a great start with their first meeting of the year that was held on Tuesday, Aug. 21.

Officers elected for Sr. Beta Club

by Ashley Hudson and Ashley Snellgrove

The first Senior Beta Club meeting was held Sept. 12th, during seventh period. Officer elections were held, and the 2007-2008 officers are: Vice President - Torie Hodge, Secretary - Luke Peters, Treasurer - Harry White, and Publicity Chairperson - Becca Hodge. There will be a run-off election for President between Sheena Hussey and Stephanie Collier at the next meeting.

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ZC Senior Beta club participates in "Cell Phones for Soldiers" project

by Sheena-Marie Hussey

Finally, students have a reason to bring cell phones to school - old cell phones, that is. The ZC Senior Beta Club has recently announced their first community service project, Cell Phones for Soldiers.

This program was started in April 2004, by a 13-year-old girl and her 12-year-old brother, Brittany and Robbie Bergquist.

After hearing a news report about a local soldier who ran up an outrageous phone bill calling home from Iraq, they decided they wanted to do something to help. Brittany and Robbie started this organization with only \$21, and the South Shore Savings Bank of Hanover, Massachusetts, donated \$500 to help them get started.

Since 2004, the program has raised almost \$1 million in donations and distributed more than 400,000 prepaid calling cards to soldiers serving overseas.

The Cell Phones for Soldiers program takes old cell phones and sends them to soldiers.

Also, help spread the word! The Beta Club members hope to collect a lot of phones to help soldiers.

Those children who go to school at Zion Chapel are asked to send old cell phones to contribute to this wonderful cause. Send phones to Mrs. Braisted or Mrs. Vinson's room or give them to a Senior Beta member. Or, bring old cell phones to the next football game.

ReCellular, the company who pays the program for each donated phone (which is equivalent to one hour of talk time to soldiers abroad).

The condition of the phone does not matter, as long as it is a cell phone.

Those wishing to reserve a copy of the 2007-2008 yearbook, should bring cash or a check to Paige Watson or a member of the yearbook staff (Jonas Simmons, Clint Rhodes, Sheena-Marie Hussey, Cassie Strength, Jessie Lee or Cera Adkins) as soon as possible.

Pre-sale for yearbooks underway

by Sheena-Marie Hussey and Misti Miller

Paige Watson and the yearbook staff announce the pre-sale of 2007-2008 yearbooks.

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Views from...

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It was homecoming last week at Elba High and that meant time for the alumni to celebrate and look back at days gone by. My wife's class celebrated its 30th reunion and was the honored class for all the weekend's festivities, which included a ride in the parade and a party on Saturday night, while my youngest celebrated her first reunion after graduating last year and also had a big time as she attended the game and then went out to eat afterwards. The best thing about homecoming is it always happens at home!

ELBA CONTINUES DOMINANCE OVER BROCKTON

The Elba Tigers continued their dominance over the New Brockton Gamecocks on the football field Friday night by rolling to a lopsided 55-14 win over their cross-county rivals. The win gave the Tigers four straight over the Gamecocks in the short history of the series, and in those four games Elba has outscored New Brockton 114-28. The four wins and large margin of victory might make one doubt a true rivalry exists. However, whenever Elba and New Brockton compete in any sport there is no doubt it is a rivalry and both teams give 110 percent in their attempt to win.

While Elba did win the game by 41 points, a look at the stats might make one that didn't attend the game scratch their head and wonder what happened. Elba had 14 first downs compared to 18 for New Brockton, while Elba ran the ball 20 times compared to 54 by New Brockton, and Elba completed 9 passes in 15 attempts, compared to 9 completions in 13 tries for New Brockton. One statistic that did give a hint what took place was turnovers, since Elba lost one fumble and New Brockton lost 3 of 7 fumbles and also suffered 2 pass interceptions.

The Tigers came into the game coming off two big wins in which the running game took center stage, and while the Tigers did average over 9 yards a carry on 20 attempts, Friday night the Tigers went to the air and senior quarterback Trey Martin passed for 245 yards and 4 touchdowns. Elba needed some success through the air to keep opposing defenses honest, and after the four-touchdown performance Friday night, opposing coaches will now be forced to pick their poison. The Elba defense did give up some yardage, but came up with big plays when it needed to and of the seven New Brockton fumbles forced the majority with big hits. The Tigers aren't big on defense and cannot simply line up and stop folks. However, they did use their quickness to get to the ball, and when they arrived at the ball more times than not had the pads popping.

I know New Brockton had a 2-2 record before the game and was a little banged up, but the win was one the Tigers really needed and should give the players a huge shot of confidence heading down the home stretch of the season.

AREA GRID TEAM SUFFER A RARE WINLESS WEEK

The fifth week of the high school football season will be one that area teams and fans want to forget as all four teams suffered a defeat. Here's a quick look back.

*** **New Brockton (2-3)** – The Gamecocks had high hopes of knocking off cross-county rival Elba, but fell behind 21-0 early and never recovered in a surprising 55-14 setback. New Brockton fell to 0-3 on the road this season with the loss, and while they will be back at home this week, the Gamecocks must figure out how to win on the road if they hope to be a playoff contender.

*** **Brantley (4-1)** – The Bulldogs lost a regular season game for only the second time in their last 50 games to Highland Home 30-21 and now must figure out how to regroup with the meat of the region schedule looming just ahead. The inexperience of the Bulldogs at a couple of key spots was evident in the loss, and while it will take a while for the youngsters to get that much needed experience, until then Brantley will have to play its best to keep on winning.

*** **Kinston (0-5)** – The Bulldogs continued their struggles with a 41-19 setback to previously winless Samson, and all of the sudden it looks like the 'Dogs might have to sneak up on someone to claim a win. Kinston has improved on offense and is now a threat to put points on the scoreboard. However, the defense has had little luck and must play big if a win is to take place anytime soon.

*** **Zion Chapel (0-5)** – The Rebels fought hard for all four quarters in a 19-8 loss to Geneva County, and despite their record, the Rebels are improving and seem determined to get a few wins before they hang up their cleats. Zion Chapel played hard on both sides of the ball and never gave up, which should pay dividends before long. This bunch works too hard to keep on losing and will surprise someone before long.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** Elba's Coach Scott Rains reported this week that the Class of '77 donated \$1,700 to the lockout fund at Elba High during their reunion last week. The fund was established back in the spring in an attempt to raise money to build new lockers in the varsity dressing room, and the large donation last week had Coach Rains smiling and

making plans to get the project started. Great big thanks to the Class of 1977 for the donation, and for doing their best to keep the Tiger spirit alive and well.

*** My how times change... Just two short weeks ago the Alabama fans were talking about how quickly Nick Saban how turned the Tide at Tuscaloosa and had hopes of winning an SEC title, while Auburn fans were cursing Tommy Tuberville and predicting the Tigers would lose seven or eight games. After two Alabama losses and two Auburn wins, the fans have changed positions and everything is back to normal with the Bama fans wondering if the Tide will have a winning record and the Auburn fans convinced the Tigers can still win the SEC West. I don't have the answer to either set of fans. However, a program cannot be built or torn down in just one or two weeks, and it is often better to wait and see before getting too excited, or too disappointed.

*** In high school action last week, Enterprise lost for the first time with a narrow 20-17 loss to Bainbridge, Georgiana, while defending state champ Prattville had its hands full before escaping with a 10-7 road win over Opelika and Highland Home made a huge statement with its 30-21 win over Brantley. There are still five weeks left in the regular season, and there is no doubt there will be many more big wins and losses before the final teams left standing head up to Birmingham.

*** The Major League Baseball regular season ended with the Atlanta Braves missing out on the playoffs for the second straight year. The Braves did make a late-season run against some of the worst teams in the majors and had a shot at pulling off a miracle run, but Smoltz and Hudson lost back-to-back in Philadelphia and that spelled the end for the chop. Atlanta did improve its bullpen this season and had some young players that enjoyed big years, and now if the Braves will sign some quality starting pitchers they may actually make it back to the post-season party next season.

*** In closing... The Elba youth football teams will be back home at Miller Stadium this weekend and will host New Brockton in what should be three very exciting games. Both teams will enter the game undefeated in the Midget (6-8) division, while New Brockton will also enter the game undefeated in the Terminate (9-10) division and will be looking to stay that way against an Elba team that has lost just once. In the Pee Wee (11-12) division, Elba will bring a perfect record into the clash and will be looking to keep its record unblemished against their cross-county rivals. Action starts at 5:30 and everyone is invited to come on out to watch these future stars take the field.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PREDICTS PRESTERS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by over the weekend and simply said "I told you so," when asked about the recent football fortunes at Tuscaloosa and Auburn. The local guesser just also bragged a little about the Elba Tigers and said the big win last week over New Brockton was fun to watch, then checked his list and found out that last week he hit on 21 of 25 picks to move his season totals to 123-28. Here are this week's pickings...

ELBA VS. PIKE COUNTY

The Pea River felines left the alumni happy last week by serving up a big chicken dinner, but this week a batch of Bulldogs will come running down the hill at the high school and the last time some 'Dogs came to town the felines got chased off the field and lost more than just a little fur. The felines have grown up in recent weeks and have grown claws. However, these 'Dogs bite is just as bad as their bark, and that could spell trouble.

PIKE COUNTY 32 ELBA 14

Region wars resume for all four area teams

The high school regular season will reach week #6 this Friday night, and with it marks a return to the region wars as teams begin to think about post-season play. Following is a preview of this week's area contests.

G.W. Long at New Brockton

The (2-3) New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to remain perfect at Gamecock Stadium this week when they host the (0-5) G.W. Long Rebels. The Gamecocks have lit up the scoreboard at home this season in rolling to a pair of big wins over Zion Chapel and Geneva County. However, three road losses have left the Gamecocks with a 1-2 region chart, and it is time for New Brockton to make a statement in the playoffs are in its plans.

G.W. Long has struggled throughout the season, but four of its losses came at the hands of 3A Dale County, (4-1) Geneva County, (5-0) Cottonwood and (5-0) Houston Academy, which means the Rebels' record may be a little misleading. Don't let the records fool ya, this could be a real region war.

Zion Chapel at Providence

The (0-5) Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking to get in the win column for the first time this season Friday night when they travel to Dothan to meet the (4-1) Providence Christian Eagles. The Rebels have made huge strides in recent weeks and last week battled 2A Geneva County on even terms for much of the game in a 19-8 loss, giving the Rebels and their fans hope that a win is on the way. The Eagles return 21 starters from a year ago and have their sites set on the school's first ever trip to the playoffs. Providence lost on the game's final play to 1A power Florida, but have posted wins over Isabella, Kinston, Pleasant Home and G.W. Long, and is convinced many more wins are on the way. This one looks like another tough stop for the Rebels in a tough season.

McKenzie at Brantley

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Heather Marlowe earned tournament MVP honors and delivered 103 assists, 5 blocks, 4 digs and 4 aces in the five-game sweep. All-tournament team members Jessi Johnson and Caitlin Tindell also had a big tourney, with Johnson recording 27 kills, 8 assists, 6 aces and 23 digs, and Tindell recording 29 kills, 15 blocks and 4 aces.

Deanna Manning added 33 kills, 17 digs, 4 blocks and 4 aces; Kourtney Pierce added 24 kills and 2 blocks; Kelsey Sladky added 10 kills and 5 aces; and Christie Whigham added 31 digs.

The Kinston JV Lady Bulldogs also competed in the event, but struggled as they lost to Carroll, of Ozark 25-12, 17-25, 22-25; Enterprise 23-25, 21-25; and Andalusia 14-25, 14-25.

Shop the Classifieds! Shop the Classifieds!

NEW BROCKTON VS. G.W. LONG

That flock of fighting birds from across the county loves to invite unsuspecting victims to its coop, and this week has some Civil War relics coming over to live up the place. The troops from over in the Wiregrass have yet to taste a victory, and while they have chicken on the menu for late Friday night, the guess here is they will get the short end of the wishbone.

NEW BROCKTON 26 G.W. LONG 20

ZION CHAPEL VS. PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN

The troops from up at Fort Jack will hit the road again this week and have plans to pitch their tents somewhere over near the Circle City and do some bird hunting. The birds they will be gunning for have been known to fly pretty high; however, and unless they carry some extra ammunition the troops could be hungry when they head back home.

PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN 21 ZION CHAPEL 14

BRANTLEY VS. MCKENZIE

The Bulldogs from up across the river got caught up in their own cage last week and this week need to get out and get ready for a litter of kitties that have been making a lot of noise for the past five weeks. The 'Dogs are still a little upset over what happened a week ago and have plans to take out their feelings on the kitties, but unless I miss my guess the Bulldogs will have to do more than just bark to scare away this batch.

BRANTLEY 28 MCKENZIE 20

KINSTON VS. ARITON

The Bullpups from down near the county line will head up the road hunting a batch of funny colored 'Cats that live across the four lane, and hopes are high that this may be the week the pups finally get to keep their bone. While these skinny 'Cats have looked more like strays than house cats in recent weeks, they should have more than enough left to survive the scrap.

ARITON 30 KINSTON 8

OTHER PICKS:

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will be looking to continue their dominance against region opponents Friday night when they host the undefeated (5-0) McKenzie Tigers. The Bulldogs suffered only their second regular season loss in their last 50 games a week ago with a 30-21 setback to Highland Home, but must put that loss behind them and get ready for a Tiger team that will be flying high when it arrives for this huge region clash. The Tigers have rolled past many and all foes in claiming wins over J.U. Blacksher, Kinston, Pleasant Home, Zion Chapel and Goshen. However, the five wins came over less

than stellar opponents, as the five teams have a combined record of just 7 wins and 18 losses.

This is the game of the year for McKenzie, and if the Bulldogs aren't focused the Tigers may have a surprise in store.

Kinston at Arton

The (0-5) Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to steal a big region win on the road and set the tone for the remainder of the season Friday night when they travel to take on the (1-4) Arton Purple Cats. The Bulldogs have improved in recent weeks on

offense and have been able to put points on the scoreboard, but must carry that improvement over to the defense if they are to take home a win over the 'Cats. Arton was expected to battle, but the Purple Cats will bring only one win to the clash Friday night, with the lone win coming over Zion Chapel. Arton's losses were at the hands of (5-0) Wicksburg, (4-1) Florida, (4-1) Brantley and (5-0) Cottonwood. So, the Purple Cats' record may be a little deceiving. Nothing comes easy for Kinston, and that will not change this week as Arton hosts the Bulldogs.

Kinston Lady Bulldogs win Providence Christian Invitational for third straight year

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs added yet another tournament championship to their impressive resume last weekend as they rolled to a 5-0 record to bring home the top prize from the fifth annual Providence Christian Invitational Volleyball Tournament.

The wins improved Kinston's record to 33-2 on the season, and marked the third straight year the Lady Bulldogs brought home the championship from the Providence tourney.

"I feel like we are headed in the right direction now," said Kinston's Coach Janie Wiggins after the tourney. "For a couple of weeks it was frustrating, and the girls felt the same way. I hate to sound selfish because we were winning. It just wasn't where we wanted to be. It was great that we got the chance to play everybody and that everybody contributed."

Kinston posted wins in pool play over Houston Academy 25-4, 26-24; Parkway Christian 25-17, 25-12; and Providence Christian 25-15, 25-6, then downed Andalusia 25-18, 25-10 in the semifinals. In the championship match, the Lady Bulldogs defeated Enterprise 25-20, 25-15.

Header Marlowe earned tournament MVP honors and delivered 103 assists, 5 blocks,

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SPORTS

For 1st loss of season

Brantley Bulldogs outscored at home by Highland Home Flying Squadron 30-21

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs were at home Friday night for the third straight week and hosted the Highland Home Flying Squadron in the renewal of their annual cross-county grudge match. After four hard fought quarters, the results were strange for the home team as Highland Home left with a 30-21 win.

Brantley received the opening kickoff and quickly marched to the Highland Home 12-yardline in nine plays. The Bulldogs failed to take advantage of the early scoring opportunity, however, as on second down the Squadron's Deymond Sankey recovered a Bulldog bobble.

Brantley's next possession ended in a punt that was returned by Darrius Chambers. The return was sidetracked by a fumble that was recovered by the Bulldogs' Jassie Haverd at the Highland Home 32, and this time the Bulldogs cashed in on the scoring chance to grab the early lead.

Brantley got its running game on track on the possession and pounded the ball up the middle against the Highland Home defense. Five plays later, Derek Deymond, and with 2:23 remaining in the half, and Kyle Tucker tackled on the extra-point as the Flying Squadron pulled within 13-7.

Brantley took the ensuing kickoff and powered the ball right back down the field as the Bulldogs needed 11 plays to reach the Highland Home 22-yardline. The Flying Squadron defense again stiffened as the Bulldogs neared the endzone, and turned back the scoring threat as they regained possession.

The Squadron's Deymond Sankey stretched out his throwing arm on the ensuing possession and completed four straight passes to move Highland Home to the Brantley 2-yardline. Sankey capped the drive with a quarterback sneak from two-yards out, and Tucker added the extra-point as Highland Home moved on top 14-13 with only 13 seconds remaining in the half.

Highland Home opened the second half the same way it ended the first half as the Flying Squadron took off on an 11-play, 66-yard scoring drive. Sankey sneaked over from two-yards out for the touchdown, and Tucker added the extra-point as Highland Home moved on top 14-13 with only 13 seconds remaining in the half.

Brantley wasn't about to give up, however, and the Bulldogs answered with a seven play



Brantley's Coach David Lowery talks with members of his team during a time-out in last week's 30-21 loss to Highland Home. This week the Bulldogs will host the undefeated McKenzie Tigers in a key region contest.

time the Bulldogs were unable to take advantage of the turnover; however, and turned the ball over on downs back at the Highland Home 30.

Highland Home cashed in on the change in momentum and drove 70 yards in only six plays to get on the scoreboard. The touchdown came on a 40-yard pass from Sankey to Anthony Merriweather with 6:42 remaining in the third quarter the Bulldogs had caught the Flying Squadron at 21-21.

Highland Home took the ensuing kickoff and drove from its own 12-yardline to the Brantley 9, where Kyle Tucker drilled a 26-yard field-goal to put the Flying Squadron back on top 24-21 with 9:50 remaining on the clock.

Brantley managed to move the chains only once more in the game, while Highland Home added an insurance touchdown with 2:08 remaining on a 26-yard pass from Sankey to Kylan Grace, and Tucker added the extra-point, to give the Squadron the 30-21 upset win over the home-standing Bulldogs.

Brantley's Anthony Gulley was the game's leading rusher with 187 yards on 24 carries, while Terrell Burnett added 70 yards on 10 totes. Deymond Sankey led Highland Home with 46 yards on 21 tries.

STATISTICS

	BR	HH
1st Downs	14	18
Rushes-Yds.	41-274	37-130
Passing Yds.	54	246
Total Offense	328	376
Passes	6-16-0	11-18-1
Return Yds.	89	65
Fumbles Lost	2	2
Penalties-Yds.	2-10	7-47
Punts-Ave.	3-34	2-37

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SPORTS



ELBA HOMECOMING QUEEN ASHLEY CARPENTER AND HER COURT...reigned over the day's festivities and at the Elba-New Brockton football game Friday night. The queen and her court were escorted by their fathers at the homecoming game and were introduced to the fans and alumni in attendance. The 2007 Homecoming Court included (left to right): Taylor Creel, sophomore attendant; Brittany Holley, senior attendant; Ashley Carpenter, Homecoming Queen; Megan Anderson, junior attendant; and Sydney Crittenden, freshmen attendant.

For 4th straight win

Tigers bury New Brockton Gamecocks 55-14

by Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by Mike Capps

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back Friday night as they gave a large homecoming crowd plenty to cheer about with a resounding 55-14 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks.

The win was the fourth

straight for Elba and upped the Tigers record to 4-1, while the Gamecocks saw their record slip to 2-3 with the loss.

New Brockton received the opening kickoff and moved to a pair of first downs behind the running of Tevin McNair and Devon Muhammad, only to turn the ball over on a fumble at the Elba 39-yardline.

The Tigers wasted little time cashing in the turnover, as on Elba's first play from scrimmage Trey Martin found Gavin Respress wide open behind the New Brockton defense and fired a strike that resulted in a 61-yard touchdown pass. Richard Cooks kicked the extra-point, and with 9:27 left in the first quarter Elba was already on top 7-0.

Elba began its next possession at its own 45-yardline after a 2-yard punt, and this time needed three plays to reach the endzone. A 15-yard pass from Trey Martin to Dylan McCollough sparked the scoring drive, while the touchdown came when the Tiger duo hooked up again, this time on a 42-yard scoring toss. Cooks added the extra-point, and with 5:27 remaining in the opening stanza the Tigers' lead was up to 14-0.

The Gamecocks were determined to get on the scoreboard on their ensuing possession and marched 61 yards to get within the shadows of the goal post. Nathan Foster gained 21 yards on three carries and completed two passes for 29 yards to lead New Brockton down the field. However, the drive stalled after reaching a first down at the Elba 14-yardline, and ended three plays later when the Tigers' Sandarius Reed pounced on a Gamecock fumble to turn back the scoring threat.

Elba quickly headed back down the field, and after two plays was sitting with a first down and goal at the New Brockton 3-yardline. An 85-yard scamper by Carlos Matias was the key play in the quick scoring

drive, while Michael Lindsey scored the touchdown on a 3-yard dash. Richard Cooks tacked on the extra-point, and with 9:50 remaining in the second quarter Elba owned a commanding 21-0 advantage.

New Brockton managed to hold on to the football on its next possession and this time marched 74 yards in 13 running plays to get on the scoreboard. David Davidson gained 43 yards on six carries to spark the long scoring drive and scored the touchdown on a 5-yard blast off tackle. Kyle Roehler kicked the extra-point, and with 3:35 left in the quarter the Gamecocks had cut the Elba lead to 21-7.

The excitement on the New Brockton sidelines didn't last for long; however, as on the opening kickoff the Tigers Carlos Matias fielded the kick at the 25-yardline and raced 75 yards for a Tiger touchdown. Cooks booted the extra-point, and with 3:22 left in the half the Tigers' lead was back up to three touchdowns at 28-7.

Elba received the second half kickoff and picked right back up where it had left off, as the Tigers needed only two plays to reach paydirt. An 18-yard pass from Trey Martin to Dylan McCollough started the possession, while the score came on the second play from scrimmage when Martin connected with Carlos Matias on a short pass that tuned into a 33-yard scoring toss. The extra-point attempt was blocked, but with 11:17 left in the third quarter the Tigers were celebrating with a big 34-7 advantage.

New Brockton came up with some fireworks of its own on the ensuing kickoff as Solomon Harris took in the kick at the Gamecock 13-yardline and returned the kick 87 yards for a touchdown. Roehler added the extra-point, and with 11:01 remaining in the third quarter Elba's lead stood at 34-14.

New Brockton recovered an on-sides kick on the ensuing kickoff to give its fans hopes of a comeback. However, the Gamecocks turned the ball over on downs at the Elba 40-yardline, and then saw their hopes fade as the Tigers drove 60 yards in five plays to extend their lead.

Carlos Matias gained 17 yards on two carries to help lead the Tigers down the field, while the touchdown came on a 34-yard pass from Trey Martin to Michael Lindsey. Richard Cooks kicked the extra-point, and with 5:21 left in the third quarter Elba was back in charge with a 41-14 lead.

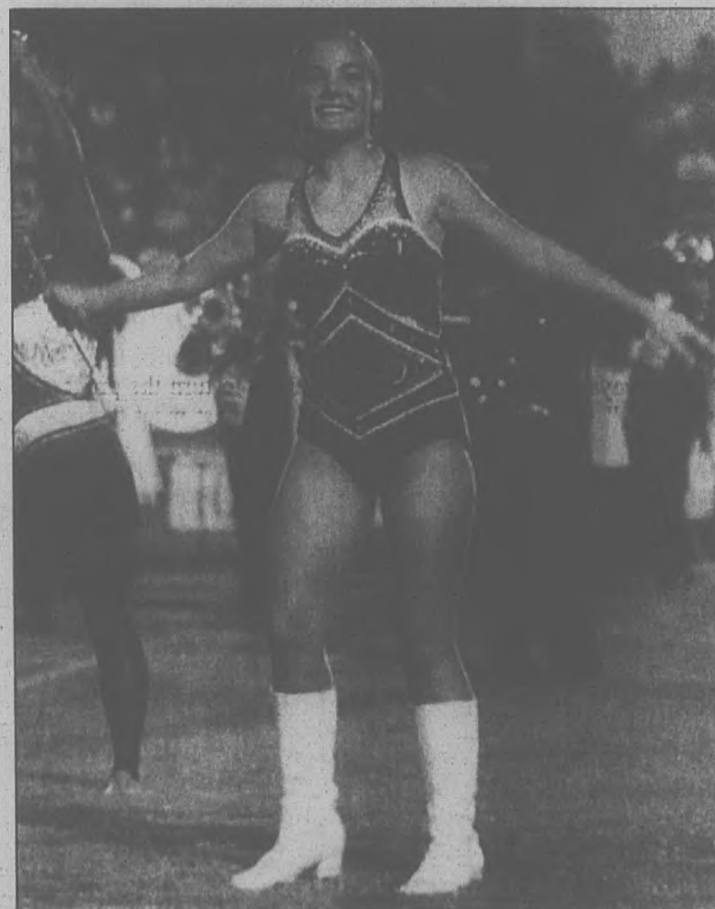
Elba's Justin Hammonds recovered a Gamecock fumble at



Elba Tiger receiver Gavin Respress (4) is off and running on a 61-yard touchdown pass on the Tigers' first play from scrimmage Friday night in their 55-14 win over New Brockton.



GAMECOCK FUMBLE...Elba Tiger defensive-end Dimetrio Tyson (77) knocks the ball loose from Gamecock quarterback Joshua Canley (19) Friday night in the Tigers' 55-14 homecoming win.



Elba Marching Tiger majorette Cortlin Lee and the band wowed the large crowd on hand Friday night with their halftime performance.

the New Brockton 31-yardline late in the quarter, and once again the Tigers cashed in the turnover, as they needed six plays to reach the endzone. Carlos Matias gained 23 yards on three carries to spark the short scoring march, while Trey Martin scored the touchdown on a 9-yard dash around the end. Cooks added the extra-point, and with 1:18 remaining in the third quarter Elba's lead had grown to 48-14.

New Brockton continued to have problems with turnovers on its ensuing possession, and once again the Tigers turned the give-away into points, as Elba's Gavin Respress picked off a Gamecock pass and returned the interception 50 yards for a Tiger touchdown. Richard Cooks added the extra-point, and with 10:10 left on the clock it was time for the alumni to head to the post-game party, as the Tigers owned a 55-

14 lead. The two county rivals swapped turnovers midway through the fourth quarter, with the Gamecocks' Josh Pynes recovering an Elba fumble, and the Tigers' Dionta Reynolds intercepting a Gamecock pass. Reynolds' interception came at the Elba 21-yardline to turn back a late scoring threat, and the Tigers simply ran out the clock to claim the 55-14 win over the Gamecocks.

Trey Martin completed 9 of 15 passes for 245 yards and 4 touchdowns and also ran for a touchdown to lead the Elba offense, while Carlos Matias gained 140 yards on 10 carries and Dylan McCollough pulled in 4 passes for 100 yards and one score. On defense, the Tigers were led by Matt Brunson with 9 solo tackles, while Sandarius Reed added 6 tackles and recovered a fumble, Dimetrio Tyson had 6 tackles, Bobby Hudson had 6 tackles, Jordan McBride had 6 tackles, and Trey Belcher had 5 stops.

Devon Muhammad gained 62 yards on 15 carries and David Davidson added 46 yards on 7 carries to lead the New Brockton offense, while on defense the Gamecocks were led by Seth Culverhouse with 7 solo tackles.

STATISTICS

EL		NB
14	1st Downs	18
20-191	Rushes-Yds.	54-184
245	Passing Yds.	88
436	Total Offense	272
9-15-0	Passes	9-13-2
2/1	Fumbles/Lost	7/3
0-00	Punts-Ave.	3-22
3-15	Penalties-Yds.	3-35

Elba Tiger defenders arrive to stop a New Brockton runner for a short gain. The Tigers will put their 3-0 region record on the line this week against Pike County.

SPORTS



A near capacity crowd estimated at almost 5,000 fans was on hand Friday night at Tiger Stadium as the Elba Tigers celebrated homecoming with a big 55-14 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks. The win was the fourth straight for the Tigers over their cross-county rivals and upped their record to 4-1 on the season.

Elba and Pike County square off Friday night in battle of region unbeatens

The Elba Tigers will be looking to grab sole possession of first place in the region standings Friday night when they host the two-time defending state champion Pike County Bulldogs.

The Tigers will carry a four-game winning streak and a 4-1 record into the region headliner, while the Bulldogs will enter the game with a 5-0 record.

"Pike County has one of the premier football programs in the state regardless of classification," stated Elba's Coach Scott Rials, "and most coaches in this part of the state agree this year's team may be even better than the past two teams that both won state titles. It will be a tremendous challenge for our team Friday night, but we have worked hard to get where we are and see the challenge as just another hurdle we must clear on our way back to the top."

Pike County has made it look easy this season with wins over 4A Andalusia 29-18, Geneva 39-7, Abbeville 35-6, Straughn 48-7 and 4A Hillcrest 48-29, and has outscored its region opponents by a combined score of 122-20. The Bulldogs have not lost to Elba since a 10-6 setback back in 1989, and over the past four years have outscored the Tigers 186-20.

"We always expect to win all our games," said Pike County head coach Wayne Grant, in a pre-season interview. "I think too many times people set goals too low. If you go in wanting to win seven games that may be all you get. Seven wins is seventy percent and that is a C average." Coach Grant has led Pike County to state championships in 1988, 1989, 2003, 2005 and 2006, and in his 18 years as the head man for the Bulldogs has led his teams to an overall record of 173-58.

The Bulldogs are led on offense by senior running back Darrell Reynolds and senior quarterback Blake Beacham, while other returning starters on offense include fullback Chad Passmore and linemen Chris Moore, Eddie Carter and Vinrell Wilson. On the defensive side of the ball the Bulldogs return three linebackers that anchor the quick and aggressive Pike County attack.

"We will be quick," added Coach Grant. "Our team speed is always important, and with the exception of 2003 we have never had good size. Being able to run forty-eight minutes has been huge for us."

"The three region teams Pike County has defeated all made the playoffs a year ago," said Coach Rials, "but we believe the power has shifted a bit in the region and the players and coaches are all convinced we can now compete with any team on our schedule. We still have four region games left and none will be easy. However, if we are to continue to turn the program around we must meet the challenges head on."

"For us to pull off the upset Friday night we will have to play our best on both sides of the ball for all four quarters and

get a few breaks," added Rials. "On offense we will need to be balanced and move the chains. We will also have to score when we get the chance, and not turn the ball over. Our offensive line will be challenged by the quickness of the Pike County defense, but that is part of the game and the line has improved over the past few weeks and this week needs to take that next step. On defense we will have to tackle well and be physical at the line of scrimmage. A new stat people talk about is yards after contact, and we must minimize that stat if we are to slow'em down. We know we will be challenged on every play of the game, and must rise to the challenge if we are to have a chance at pulling off the win."

When asked about last week's 55-14 win over New Brockton, Coach Rials said, "It was a big win in front of a big home crowd and one that should get our young men fired up for the remainder of the season. New Brockton is a big rival in all sports, and to be able to post a big win was huge. It was a total team effort, and was the result of a good week of practice and preparation. On offense we took what they gave us and were able to score a lot of points, while over on defense we gave up some yards, but really passed some licks and came up with five turnovers. It was just a great win for our program, and maybe one that will get the fans fired up again about Elba Tiger football."

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New Brockton's Coach Dirk Strunk called it just "one of those nights"

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their dreams of knocking off Elba for the first time ever turn into a nightmare last Friday night in a 55-14 loss. However, New Brockton head football coach Dirk Strunk stated after the game "It was just one of those

nights." "It was just one of those nights," said Coach Strunk. "By the end of the game we had six starters out, and that made a difference. We gave up the big play early on, but heck, at the beginning of the game we could run with them and we did. We didn't

convert in the red zone and we fumbled the ball. It was one of those things where turnovers and big plays hurt us once again. The only positive thing that came out of all of this is that it doesn't affect the playoff picture at all. The key is we have got to get hot right here over the last four region games that are so crucial. We've got to show up and we've got to play if we want to get to go to the post-season."



New Brockton's Solomon Harris (27) looks upfield for running room as Elba's Tramond Craighead (88) closes in. Solomon had 4 catches for 60 yards and returned a kickoff 87 yards for a touchdown last week to spark the Gamecocks in their annual cross-county clash with the Tigers.

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Wiregrass Action Commission kickoff set for Thursday (today) in Daleville

Gov. Bob Riley is scheduled to attend the kickoff of the Wiregrass Region of his Alabama Rural Action Commission at 2:30 p.m. Thursday (Oct. 4) in Daleville.

The public meeting will be at the Daleville Cultural and Convention Center, 750 S. Daleville Ave. The Wiregrass Action Commission includes Barbour, Coffee, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Henry, and Houston counties.

"I look forward to being in Daleville for the kickoff event," Riley said. "We have an exceptional leadership team in the Wiregrass area that is doing a tremendous job of involving local citizens and building committees needed to address key issues in the region. I encourage any citizen to attend the kickoff and join this effort to improve the quality of life in our state."

The Alabama Rural Action Commission was created by Riley in May. It is based upon the successful model he established with the Black Belt Commission in 2004. The Black Belt Commission has more than 800 volunteers who are working to build local and state partnerships to improve the quality of life in the region.

The Alabama Rural Action Commission, directed by former state Sen. Gerald Dial, is comprised of eight regional "action commissions" encompassing all 67 Alabama counties.

In its first phase the rural commission is focusing on economic development, workforce development, health and education. The plan leaves autonomy with the regional leadership to create further committees as deemed necessary to focus on local issues.

EVENTS

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5:30-7 p.m. on the square in downtown Elba. Whitworth said anyone who wishes is invited to set up a table and treat the children as this time also serves as the designated trick-or-treat time for the City of Elba.

Merchants are being asked to stay open late and participate in "Pumpkins on the Square" by treating children in costume with candy and other treats. The chamber also is asking that only children ages birth - 12-years-old be allowed to trick-or-treat at "Pumpkins on the Square."

A Halloween costume contest for children will be held at 6:15 p.m. on the west side (flagpole side) of the courthouse. The age divisions include: 1-month to 12-months; 2 years to 3 years; 4 years to 5 years; 1st grade thru

3rd grade; and 4th grade thru 6th grade.

Whitworth said she looks forward to both "Pumpkins on the Square" and the "Old Haunted Jail" and hopes everyone will come out and enjoy these Halloween events.

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New Brockton High plans several activities for Homecoming 2007

The purpose of Homecoming is to encourage students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the community to become filled with the NBHS spirit.

The week's events, competitions, and athletic events are meant as a time when all of NBHS can come together and have fun. All individuals participating in any way are encouraged to take full advantage of the fellowship and excitement that Homecoming brings.

NBHS will present its "Gamecocks in Paradise"

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Curtis, remediation teacher, Lynn Weeks, counselor, principal Shane Casey, assistant principal Kevin Killingsworth and former principal Johnny Dunn.

At the elementary school, Weeks spoke of the success of the reading program. He said this program has proven to be a tremendous asset for the school system, and the work being done at the elementary school definitely lays the foundation for student success in high school.

Grimes said she was proud to be able to present the award to the Elba schools.

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Local woman arrested for promoting terroristic acts

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Sheriff's Department officials arrested an Elba woman not once but twice over the weekend following an incident that began Saturday night, Oct. 6.

During Monday's Coffee County Commission meeting, Sheriff Dave Sutton told commissioners that sheriff's department officials answered a call Saturday night in the Elba division regarding a domestic violence incident between a husband and wife. Upon responding, he said both the husband and wife were arrested by officials.

Sonya Barnes, age 54, and William Grigsby Barnes Jr., age 54, both of 444 County Road 418, Elba, were arrested Saturday evening, Oct. 6.

Officials said Sonya Barnes was charged at that time with obstructing governmental operations while William Barnes was charged with domestic violence.

Mrs. Barnes reportedly later bonded out of jail. Sheriff Sutton said she began early Sunday morning, Oct. 7, making phone calls to the jail. He said she made numerous phone calls regarding the release of her husband also making threats to the correctional officers.

During one of the phone calls, Sutton said as sheriff he will not tolerate threats to his employees.

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Sheriff Sutton said Mrs. Barnes indicated if she could not "bond" him out, she would "bomb" him out.

Sheriff Sutton said the jail facility was checked following this threat to ensure no bomb was on site.

Afterwards, he said he and an investigator went to the Barnes' residence to speak with Mrs. Barnes.

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Coffee County Sheriff's Department officials. She was charged with making terrorist threats and harassing communications. The terrorist threats charge is a felony charge.

A few hours after his wife was rearrested, Mr. Barnes reportedly was released from the Coffee County Jail on bond.

Sheriff Sutton said no one will be allowed to get away with making threats to Coffee County deputies, correctional officers or any other employees.

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Nursing Home residents enjoy day of fishing

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer

Several Elba Nursing Home residents had an exciting outing Friday, Sept. 28, 2007 when they went to the Coffee County Lake for a fishing trip and picnic.

"We usually do this twice per year," said Janet Hobbs, Activity Director for the Elba Nursing Home. "It's just an outing for our residents to enjoy the great outdoors."

Residents attending the outing were Claudia Slawson, Doris Taylor, Nell Hughey, Wiley Kendrick, Zelma Kendrick, Bobby Ware Jr., Coland Harrel, Gwendolyn Watson, Wade McWaters, Fannie Berry, Jerry Rushing, Sarah Stewart, Lillie Coe, Martha Woolridge, Mavis Hanchey, Joyce Hudson, Fredrick Till, Ada Danner and Fran Oliverson.

All residents attending the outing appeared to be having a good day on the lake with many "reeling in the big one."

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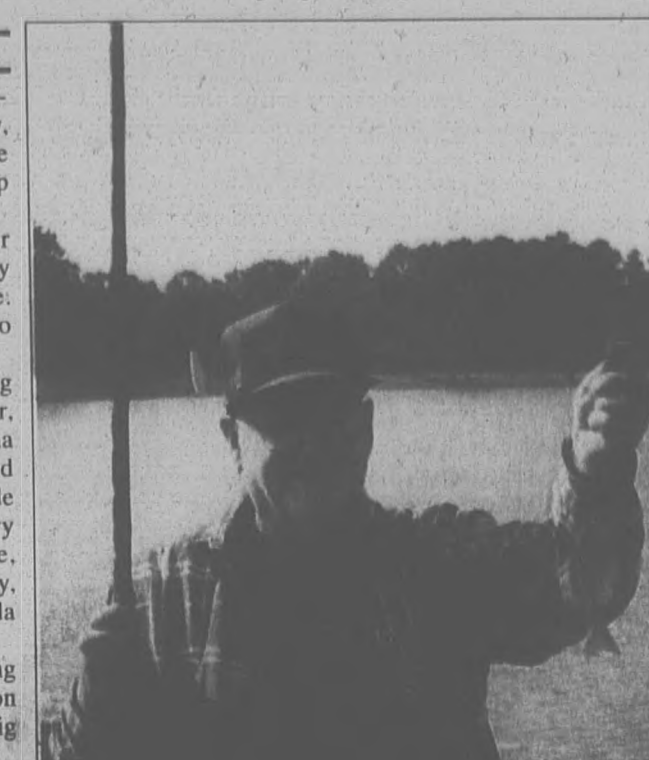
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